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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6708

BILL NUMBER: SB 288

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 28, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Office of Child Development and Early Learning.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Rogers

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Office of Child Development and Early Learning within the Department of Education. It requires the office to collaborate with the Division of Family Resources to establish and implement a plan for inclusion of pre-kindergarten education and teaching in kindergarten through Grade 12 education planning and oversight.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill would create the Office of Child Development and Early Learning within the Department of Education. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to appoint staff by August 1, 2012.

The office is required to:

1. Request that colleges and universities that have teacher degree programs testify before an interim study committee concerning education or interim study committee concerning child care.
2. Develop a plan to include pre-kindergarten education in the department's education planning and oversight.
3. Develop educational benchmarks for children from infancy to age 4.
4. Report to an interim study committee concerning the office's progress in performing the duties described in (1) through (3) by October 31, 2012, and in implementing the plan to include pre-kindergarten education in the department's education planning and oversight by September 30, 2014.

The impact would depend on whether additional staff is required or if the personnel within the Department can be reassigned to the new office. If two additional staff were required, the additional costs could be about

\$140,000 per year. Excluding tuition support reversions, the Department reverted about \$14 M in FY 2011.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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